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# **General And** Adjutant - Coming Here

Brigadier-General Ralph P. Cowgill and Adjutant-General R. F. Olson will be in Cave Junction Friday night to inspect Co. A, 18th battalion, Oregon State Guard, according to a dispatch received by Capt. Ralph Baumberger the first of the week.

Adj. General Olson has just been appointed to his post, having served overseas with the old Oregon National Guard, now the famous 41st division, and at a recent meeting of the Oregon State Guard officers of the Portland area, the adjutant said:

"It will be my goal to help make the Oregon State Guard as outstanding an organization as was the 41st division, when it was one of the nation's top ranking national guard outfits and one of the first to be called to federal service."

This will be a great night for the local company. Captain Baumberger has developed one of the best outfits in the state, and it has received very little notice from the officials because of the lack of material available by the nation and state. What material was on hand went to the larger areas while the local company maintained its high rating in spite of all the difficulties.

Company A has shown a greater spirit of cooperation with the State Guard than most of the other companies. Its attendance is one of the best in the state, and when the general and his staff sees what this company has done, at their own expense, we are in hopes that some recognition will be given Captain Baumberger and his company.

It is not out of reason to expect that a state armory could be built Margaret Sullavan, an Army nurse in Cave Junction to house the lofor duty. cal company, which is becoming more important as the months go by. The state officers are urging that all companies maintain their that all companies maintain their strength and even go out and get **Dairymen** 

## "GUADALCANAL DIARY" COMING SATURDAY, SUNDAY

Guadalcanal, a name virtually unknown in America two years ago, but today as familiar as Kalamazoo, Walla Walla and Brooklyn, is destined to rank in Marine history with The Shores of Tripoli and The Halls of Montezumafor it was there that America first tasted victory and the Japs first swallowed defeat.

The dramatic story of this first offensive against the Nips comes to the screen of Cave City theater Saturday and Sunday.

Wisecracking to the crack of snipers' bullets, literally thumbing their noses at desperate odds, the Marines-as played by Lloyd Nolan, William Bendix, Richard Conte and Anthony Quinn, with Preston Foster as the chaplain. Father Donnelly-crash through in pulsepounding fashion in the most thrillingly human story to come out of the Pacific.

#### "CRY HAVOC" WEDNESDAY. THURSDAY, AUG. 23, 24

A realistic and gripping drama dealing with the heroic behavior of thirteen women who remained on Bataan during General MacArthur's delaying withdrawal to aid the wounded soldiers shows at the Cave City theater next Wednesday and Thursday. The film "Cry Havoe" is based on the successful stage play of the same name and stars Margaret Sullavan, Ann Sothern and Joan Blondell.

During the evacuation of Bataan the gallant Americans and Filipinos are under constant Jap bombardment. Even the hospital is fair game for Jap bombs. Supplies of food and munitions are scarce. The hospital is so understaffed with nurses that Dr. Fay Bainter sends her lone nurse's aid, Marsha Hunt, to town to ask for volunteers. Marsha returns with nine girls, all from different walks of life and with divergent tastes. They report to Smitty, played by

# Hospital Association Organized

Last Friday afternoon, the board of directors of the old Blue Cross hospital plan met in the county court house and organized number of friends and neighbors their own Josephine County Rural Health Protection association, divorcing themselves entirely from the Blue Cross organization.

At the meeting of the board, with Judge Johnson and Commissioners Robinson and Fredrickson and W. E. Moore, manager of the Josephine County hospital, all the details were worked out whereby a local association would be the answer to hundreds of families and individuals who want hospital protection for themselves and their families. The result of the meeting was the immediate adoption of a new set of by-laws and it was voted to incorporate the associafor the protection of county residents.

Earl Reinhart, chairman of the board of directors, is president of Mrs. Laque Youngblood and Mr. the new association with Mildred Norman, vice president; Josephine Powers, secretary-treasrer and the following board members: Victor Boehl, M. C. Athey, Estella Manfull, and Mrs. Sara Wertz, formerly with the Farm Security assocounty supervisor helped with the new organization and in the future will give it every assistance in their power.

The newly-formed association is the outgrowth of a year's experience with prepaid hospital care under the Blue Cross organization with which the local association is no longer affiliated.

The new organization is offering pre-paid hospital care to rural fam- Dessinger's son at Eureka. ilies of Josephine county and to other groups that express a desire advantages of the new plan is the his wife and daughter. Mr. Sachse hospital protection for their entire tion of an inch. family. The association hopes to enroll 300 families in the near future, G. P. Chamber and anyone in the valley who wants to know more about the hos- Presents New Idea pital plan, can get all the informaglad to explain the advantages of the plan to anyone who will call at that every man from Josephine the News office, and will help them This meeting was a very im- make application for membership. The association's office is Room

## **Kerby News Notes** of General Interest

### BY ADAH JONES

Mr. and Mrs. James Hogue and daughter Mrs. Dorothy White were hosts Sunday evening at a surprise lawn party honoring Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Jones and family

who are leaving Friday to make their home in Gold Hill, where Mr. Jones will be school principal. A gathered for a social hour and a bountiful buffet luncheon with plenty of ice cream. A gift of four lovely bath towels was pre-

soap, which was thought appropriate for Ferd to wash the dirt off after spending the summer climbing the hills after gooseberry bushes. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Prevatt and family; Mrs. Helen Ulrich and son Johnnie, Mr. and Mrs. Clem Sauer and sons Larry and Jack. Mrs. Lottie Woodcock, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mc-Lean with Mickey and Kathleen, Mr. and Mrs. Dell Bigelow, Mrs. Doilie Duncan, Mrs. Elizabeth tion as a non-profit organization Hodgdon, Fred Seyferth, Rose- Last night I had guard from 10 to mary Sachse, Dena Jones, Wendall 12. I sat in the middle of post and Jones, Mrs. Phyllis Nealy and

family, Mrs. Lillie White, Mr. and was out good and bright. and Mrs. Ferd Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hogue had as at the radio controled plane. Right guests last week Mrs. Hogue's sis- after that we went through the ter, Mrs. Martha Kaning and AGF physical endurance test. The granddaughter, Betty Rhett of first thing was push ups 31 of Seattle. They were on their way them, then a 300 yard run in 48 ciation and Bart McVeigh, FSA to Los Angeles where Miss Rhett sec.; 10 burpees in 20 sec.; carry expects to attend art school, hav- a guy 75 yards on your back in 18 ing received a scholarship. -0---

> Dave Bour has been on the sick as you can and then put on full list the past few days and is being pack and take a four mile speed cared for by Mr. and Mrs. Clay march. The first platoon average Ramsey at the Ramsey home.

> Mrs. Phil Dessinger and grand- surely tired the first two miles daughter, Carol Dessinger, are but began to get rest the last two. spending a few days visiting Mrs. The first part is plenty tough if -0-

Martin Sachse arrived Sunday ance of equipment. Three P-38s to affiliate. One of the distince to spend a weeks vacation with came over and sprayed a smoke to

#### NEWS FROM OUR Renfro BOYS IN SERVICE Sawmill JIM BALDWIN WRITES HOME Hunter Leggitt, Maneuver Area July 31, 1944

Dear Mom and All: I received

your letter today of July 26. Was

sure glad to get it. No, Aunt Clara

hadn't written about being sick. Is

she all right now? Does Eva think

another treatment would help her. About 2 o'clock Saturday morning, the residents of Cave Junction were startled with the Redwood Ranger station siren giving two loud signals that something was wrong, and on looking at the sky the populace saw that the Renfro mill was a mass of flames. The mill was completely destroyed.

Destroyed

One of the first eye witnesses was Howard Bearss, Standard Oil distributor for the valley, who lives across the street from the Standard Oil company's warehouse and in direct view of the mill. Howard's dog came to his bed and gave and changed the rest of the crew one of the most peculiar yelps, and around. Didn't do too bad. Won't Howard was awakened at once, know the results. We had been and he saw a small flame coming practicing almost two weeks and I from the mill near the boiler. He hadn't been gunner hardly any. quickly dressed and as he crossed the road it seemed to him like an explosion occurred along the enwatched both ways. The moon tire length of the green chain and the entire structure burst into This morning we fired 100 flames and by that time the entire rounds of 30 cal. and 50 rounds of mill was ablaze. 50 cal. machine gun ammunition

About the same time Howard was awakened, Mr. and Mrs. Bowerman's daughter trudged up stairs to their bedroom and said she thought the mill was on fire. Mr. Bowerman gave one look and half dressed gave the siren signal above mentioned. He then ordered the entire personnel of the Redwood Ranger station and its equipment into action.

The smoke jumpers laid a hose from the station pump to the mill was 44 minutes. The best averand had water on the flames in a age in two days of testing. I was short time, but it was a hopeless task to put the fire out as it was entirely in flames by the time water was turned on. When the you put everything you got into it. alarm was sounded George Morey, This afternoon we had mainten-Mr. Bowerman's assistant, started the pumps going, and by the time the hose was laid, he had water coming through. All of this was done in remarkably short time. But the only thing the boys could do was to save adjoining property, which was an easy job considering there was no wind. It was indeed fortunate that there was no wind for the fire could have gotten out

I'm glad the youngberries are doing good. Perhaps there will be enough for a berry pie when I get there. There is rumor going around today that furloughs may be cancelled. I don't much think so, sented, also a bar of good, strong there are too many of these rum-Yesterday we had platoon tests on Howitzers. We had been practicing with a picked gun crew and then the last thing they put us on another chief of section's gun. When we got on his gun he said "Baldwin, I want you as gunner

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#### **DeETTA SCOTT PASSES** AT TWIN FALLS, IDAHO

Word was received last week by George P. Scott of the death of his mother, Mrs. DeEtta Scott, Friday, August 11th, at Twin Falls, Idaho, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. L. Schumacher.

Mrs. Scott was born in Missouri attended. in 1866 and came to Washington with her parents in a covered wagon when seven years old. She married Edson H. Scott, who passed away in 1932. She made her home with her daughter. Mrs. Schumacher in Grants Pass later a moving with them to Cave Junc-

resided. Mrs. Scott was well known in the valley and during fened in detail. her life was active in church and missionary work.

Survivors are two sons, George Local Chamber Scott of Cave Junction, Jesse Scott of Moscow, Idaho; two May Change Plans daughters, Mrs. C. L. Schumacher of Twin Falls and Mrs. Hazel Shoop of Vancouver, Washington.

at Twin Falls.

## COMING EVENTS

Mrs. J. J. Villair.

Monday, Sept. 4-Labor day. Community Church Missionary

group, third Thursday of the month.

day of the month.

and third Wednesday of each month.

O'Brien Women's club meet on first Friday of each month.

Belt Lodge, A. F. & A. M. meets growing business. fourth Saturday each month.



At the meeting held Wednesday evening in the Bridgeview Grange tion from the county FSA office hall nearly 50 farmers interested or from any member of the board.

During this meeting and in advance of it, 550 cows were signed on the conditional contract.

portant one for the valley dairymen, and for this reason The News desires to give a complete detailed Pass.

account of it, but on account of the tion and several years ago leaving lack of time this is impossible this for Idaho where they have since week. However, next week we will give the story of what hap- Round Table

At the meeting of the Illinois Funeral services were Tuesday Valley Chamber of Commerce held will be distributed. last Monday in Clara's Bungalow coffee shop, the idea was brought | ned for the afternoon with a round out to have the first meeting of table discussion on vegetable varthe month devoted to business and the second meeting to be turned chairman. Victory garden display over to a program committee to will be in charge of Mrs. Chris Friday, August 25-Illinois Val- furnish a good, constructive proley Garden club, at the home of gram. Nothing definite was voted, it being left to the next meeting to determine the outcome. Kenneth Denman, state game flower. commissioner will attend the nert meeting of the chamber and he is anxious to hear any suggestions be held. Those having flowers, H. E. U. meets every second Tues- from the people of the valley as to shrubs, weed or vegetable they are how to improve fish and wild life Ladies' Auxiliary meet the first conditions in southern Oregon. The tourist business in normal garden. times is one of the finest assets we

have. The more attractive and the more we improve our facilities to give the tourists a real vacation, Illinois Valley Garden club meets the higher the income will be dethe fourth Friday of each month. rived from this important and

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8, Lundberg building, Grants

Discussion At Garden Club

Members of the Illinois Valleyy Garden Club will meet Friday, August 25, at the home of Mrs. J. J. Villair. Programs for the year

An interesting program is planieties, with Mrs. Gladys King. Wendt. It is requested that all bring their displays.

Members will respond to roll call by naming their native state

Concluding the program an iris at once. and perennial poppy plant sale will not familiar with, bring it to this meeting and learn its worth in the

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hill and their ternoon. daughter, Mrs. Roberta Moore of Holland were in Grants Pass last The News learned that graveside

in this annual affair.

fact that one does not have to be is employed in the Marin shipa farmer to be able to join. Any- yards near San Francisco. His one the board accepts in the rural picture appeared on the current communities, which comprises all years calendar where he is piccommunities, which comprises all years calendar where he is pic-of the Illinois valley, will be eli-tured with a huge ship's propeller **Kerby Gets** gible to membership and have the which is his job to fit to the frac-

The Grants Pass and Josephine come through with a novel plan county in Uncle Sam's fighting forces will be very glad to receive. It is a letter which will be issued frequently and sent to all the boys from this county, those men and women whose addresses are on file at the chamber office.

The letter does not propose to take the place of letters from home. Don't get the idea that this letter will tell all the little details of your home life and what is going on in the community. It will only give a slight glimpse of men and women the boys and girls in the service know or have heard about, and what they are doing.

It will be a welcome contribution from home to those in the service and on another page you will find a boxed ad, and if you will fill in the name of your friend or relative and send to the Grants Pass and Josephine Chamber of Commerce, Grants Pass, they will do the rest. When an address is changed, please send in the new and correct address, so the G. P. chamber can keep the letter going so these men in the service can receive it. Please send the address

GUILFORD W. COOKE

Word was received late this afternoon, (Thursday) that Guilhospital about 2 o'clock in the af- crew were all warmly compliment-

I. O. O. F. cemetery.

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sec.; 75 yards crawl and creep in

25 sec. You go through as fast

Wednesday afternoon just after M. C. Athey, of The News, will be County Chamber of Commerce has 5 o'clock, George Thrasher saw a fied O. L. Waterman, superintendent, of the fire. Mr. Waterman took a look and immediately telethe State Forest service fire trucks and crews.

Just one minute and a half after the call, Dick Sowell and his on the job and five minutes later the Forest Service truck and crew arrived, and they all came in the nick of time for the fire had passed the innocent stage and was now a raging grass fire heading now owned by Mel Stark.

Before the fire equipment could get into action the barn caught on fire and in a jiffy was a mass of flames. Several piles of white pine lumber, just cut, also caught on fire, but they were quickly put lumber been dry, it would have Nellie Shellabarger. been destroyed.

away from the mill, city and other | Taylor and Emily Kellert. buildings, but the residents of Kerby had a scare they will not honor of Aunt Mary White's forget. A little over an acre of birthday was held. Sandwiches, ground was burned over besides ice cream and cake were served. the barn, which was empty. The A gift from the unit of a wool casentire crew of the lumber com- ual jacket was presented. A showpany besides the smoke jumpers er of hankies was given Harriet ford W. Cooke of O'Brien, passed and fire crew at the Redwood Baumberger whose birthday ocaway in the Grants Pass General Ranger station and the state fire curs on the same day.

ed and thanked by Mr. Waterman No details were available, but for their excellent cooperation. Sunday to attend the Shriner's pic- funeral services will be held Sun- residents up to the point of com- valley on the matter of establishnic. About two hundred took part day afternoon, August 20th at the pleting their fire district. They ing a cooperative creamery spoke really should get it settled.

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## LEGION DELEGATES MAKE REPORT

Delegates from Glen Morrison Post No. 70 American Legion resmall grass fire on the lot of the ported at the post Wednesday CABAX mill property and noti- evening on their trip to the state convention at Portland.

All spoke words of praise for the work accomplished and reportphoned for the Forest Service and ed that the members seemed to take everything very serious, especially the work to be done by the Legion after the war.

They decided to give a V-Day crew with the state fire truck was dance with Co. A. Oregon State Guard co-partners upon the night Germany surrenders. Members of the Legion and Co. A members will have tickets to sell within a day or

All members of Post No. 70 are straight for the old Ed Burke barn, expected to be on hand next Sunday to help repair the roof.

> WHAT THE LEGION AUXILIARY IS DOING

Four new members paid dues out and little damage was done Wednesday night, Bernice Fessler, to three piles of lumber. Had the Inez Walsh, Barbara Walsh and

Very interesting reports on the A high wind carried the flames convention were made by Mildred

After the meeting a party in

Following this guests of the Post were introduced. Judge Johnson said a few words on post war plan-This incident may stir Kerby ning and Mr. Lee, who was in the briefly on that subject.